GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the acute shortage of drinking water in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to meet the drinking water crisis;and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose during 2008-09?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Urban Development have accorded technical and administrative approval to proposal of Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration to raise the Height of Dhanikari Dam in Andaman & Nicobar Islands to augment water supply to Port Blair.

(c): The funds allocated for urban water supply in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are shown against the demand for grants for the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is the Administrative Ministry in respect of all Union Territories.Funds for Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the year 2008-09 shall be allocated after demand for grants for next financial year is Tabled in the Parliament.